

May 13, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**REQUEST FOR TERM EXTENSION FOR A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE
GRANTED TO TIME WARNER ENTERTAINMENT-ADVANCE/NEWHOUSE
PARTNERSHIP IN THE CANYON COUNTRY UNINCORPORATED AREAS (ORD.
NO. 87-0134F, AS AMENDED)**

(FIFTH DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Approve the amendment to Ordinance No. 87-0134F, as amended, granting an extension of term for the Cable Television Franchise for the Canyon Country unincorporated areas through December 31, 2005.
2. Introduce, waive reading and place on your Board's Agenda for adoption the attached ordinance which implements the above recommendation.
3. Find this franchise term extension is categorically exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Class 1, Section (e), of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Time Warner Entertainment-Advance/Newhouse Partnership ("Time Warner") currently provides cable television service to residents in the Canyon Country unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. Time Warner has requested a renewal of the subject

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cable television franchise, which currently expires on August 1, 2003. The extension of the current franchise term through December 31, 2005 allows the County sufficient time to negotiate the renewal of this franchise.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of this recommendation will assist in implementing the Countywide Strategic Plan goal of fiscal responsibility. This will ensure the continuation of revenue provided to the County by statute.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There will be no cost to the County. This cable television franchise generates revenue to the County. Section 622 (b) of the Cable Act of 1984 (47 U.S.C. §542 (b)) gives a local franchising authority, such as the County, the right to collect franchise fees of no more than five percent (5%) of total gross revenues collected by a cable television franchisee over a 12-month period. The County is collecting the maximum allowable fees and the extension of this cable television franchise will not affect the collection of these franchise fees.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Office of the County Counsel has reviewed the attached ordinance and approved it as to form.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The term extension of this cable television franchise is categorically exempt under CEQA pursuant to Class 1, Section (e) of the Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987, and Section 15301(b) of the State CEQA Guidelines.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There will be no impact on current services.

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CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office-Clerk of the Board notify Ms. Kristy Hennessey, Vice President, Government and Public Affairs, Time Warner, 303 W. Palm Ave., Orange, CA 92866, County Counsel, the Department of Public Works, the Auditor-Controller, and the Department of Consumer Affairs, Cable Television Franchising Division of the Board's action in this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Pastor Herrera, Jr.
Director

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
Auditor-Controller
County Counsel
Department of Public Works